

House Resolution No. 4074

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to recognize milestone events in the lives of Missouri residents, institutions, organizations, and municipalities; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the City of Herculaneum, Missouri, which is observing its 200th anniversary with a celebration that will last four days, October 9 through October 12, 2008; and

Whereas, a significant industrial shipping, commercial, residential, and religious center through 200 years, the City of Herculaneum was founded in 1808 by Moses Austin and Colonel Samuel Hammond; and

Whereas, the City of Herculaneum served as the first County Seat of Jefferson County in 1819 and retained that designation until 1839; and

Whereas, the City of Herculaneum was a major shipping point for lead mined and smelted in the Missouri counties of Jefferson, Washington, and St. Francois; and

Whereas, lead shot produced from the Herculaneum Shot Towers located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River was used in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812; and

Whereas, the City of Herculaneum is the location of the first Protestant sermon delivered west of the Mississippi River; and

Whereas, the City of Herculaneum is the birthplace of the Honorable Thomas Clement Fletcher, the 18th Governor of Missouri, the first native-born governor of Missouri, a distinguished politician, lawyer, and soldier; and

Whereas, the City of Herculaneum was the home and is the interment site of the Honorable Daniel Dunklin, the native South Carolinian who was privileged to serve in the Missouri House of Representatives, as Missouri Lieutenant Governor, and as the 5th governor of Missouri and who is remembered for starting the public school system in Missouri and reforming the Missouri penal system:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to the City of Herculaneum and its city administrators Mayor Gina Vinyard, Aldermen Mike Burlage, Bill Haggard, Norm Seithel, Terry Thomas, Justin Shy, and Jeff Kendall, retiring City Administrator Bill Shitmer, and City Administrator Oscar James “Jim” Kasten on the illustrious occasion of the City’s bicentennial, with our very best wishes for continued success and prosperity; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Herculaneum, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ron Casey
District No. 103

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4074, adopted September 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker